Sharing of market research programmes with China's International Trade Research Institute

1654. SHRI KAPIL VERMA: Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether China's International Trade Research Institute has offered to share market research programmes with Indian companies interested in investments in China; and

(b) if so, whether a high-powered team of the Institute visiting India has informed the industrialists that there is vast scope of investment by third world countries in China; if so, what are the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF COMMERCE AND FOOD AND CIVIL SUPPLIES (SHRI P. SHIV SHANKER): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Government is not aware of any such discussion.

Development of tourism in Andaman and Nicobar group of Islands

1655. SHRI KAPIL VERMA: Will the Minister of PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND TOURISM be pleased to state what steps Government have taken or propose to take for the development of tourism in the Andaman and Nicobar group of Islands?

THE MINISTER OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND TOURISM (SHRI H.K.L. BHAGAT): The question of development of the Andaman and Nicobar Islands for tourism purposes on a selective basis has been agreed to in principle by the Government. An amount of Rs. 4.48 lakhs has recently been released for survey for construction of a jety in the Cinque Island and Rs. 15.00 lakhs released of a sanctioned amount of Rs. 39.22 lakhs for the construction of a Yatri Niwas at Port Blair. The Department of Tourism has further asked the Union Territory Administration to draw up more schemes for developing tourist infrastructure in the Andaman Group.

Iesses incurred by M|s. Ashok travel and tours

1656. SHRIMATI KRISHNA KAUL:
SHRI MURLIDHAR CHANDRAKANT BHANDARE:
SHRI P. N. SUKUL:
SHRI KAPIL VERMA:
SHRIMATI USHA MALHOTRA:
SHRI SHANTI TYAGI:

Will the Minister of PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND TOURISM be pleased to state what steps Government have taken in 1985-86 to reduce the losses incurred by M|s. Ashok Travels and Tours during the year 1984-85?

THE MINISTER OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND TOURISM (SHRI H.K.L. BHAGAT): The following steps have been taken by ITDC in 1985-86 to reduce the losses incurred by M|s Ashok Travels & Tours during the year 1984-85:

1. Replacement of old and superannuated vehicles
2. Stricter monitoring of the operational and administrative expenditure incurred by the units
3. Reduction of tariff at some places for luxury cars for better utilisation of fleet strength
4. Closing down of some of the losing units where adequate transport facility exists in the private|State sectors.

India's trade with foreign countries

1657. DR. MOHD. HASHIM KIDWAI: Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state:

(a) the quantum of India's trade with Japan, Pakistan, Saudi Arabia, the USSR and China during the last three years; and

(b) the quantum of foreign exchange earned therefrom?

THE MINISTER OF COMMERCE AND FOOD AND CIVIL SUPPLIES (SHRI P. SHIV SHANKER): (a) and (b) According to the provisional date